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TAGS: BDIS, ECRE, IR, IZ  
SUBJ: CLAIM OF J.A. JONES CONSTRUCTION CO. AGAINST  
IRAQI GOVERNMENT

1. J.A. JONES CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA WAS PRINCIPAL CONTRACTOR ON DERBENDI KHAN DAM BUILT BETWEEN 1957 AND 1962. SINCE COMPLETION OF DAM IN 1962, JONES HAS HAD CLAIM PENDING AGAINST IRAQI GOVERNEMENT (MINISTRY OF IRRIGATION) FOR DOLS10 MILLION WHICH HAS PRVENTED THEM FROM PURSUING NEW BUSINESS IN IRAQ.

2. JONES' CLAIM IN IRAQ HAS BEEN REPRESENTED BY AN IRAQI ATTORNEY, BUT SINCE 1962 THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE PROGRESS TOWARD SETTLEMENT EXCEPT FOR OCCASIONAL PAYMENTS, MOST RECENTLY IN 1976. PETER GROSZ, JONES REPRESENTATIVE IN IRAN, VISITED IRAQ MOST RECENTLY IN MARCH 1977 AND CALLED AT USINT. LATER IN 1977, IRAQI BUSINESSMAN ABDUL-KARIM H. HADID (ADDRESS: HADID BUILDING, ARMY STREET, MOSUL) CALLED ON EDWIN JONES, PRESIDENT OF J.A. JONES, AND INDICATED THAT HE WOULD BE ABLE TO MOVE CLAIM FORWARD IN RETURN FOR COMMISSION. GROSZ HAS SET UP MEETING WITH HADID IN BAHRAIN DURING JUNE.

3. GROSZ CALLED AT EMBASSY MAY 24 TO REQUEST YOUR READING  
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OF IRAQI GOVERNEMENT'S CURRENT ATTITUDE TOWARD AMERICAN FIRMS AND ANY SPECIFIC INFO YOU ARE ABLE TO PROVIDE CONERNING HADID. HE ASKED THAT HADID NOT BE CONTACTED, BUT THAT USINT PASS ON ANY INFORMATION IN FILES OR KNOWN TO USINT OFFICERS. YOUR ASSISTANCE APPRRCIATED.  
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